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Ed Purcell, '17, First to Capture Falter Golf Prize

Edward C. Purcell, '16-'17, of 15435 Gilchrist, Detroit 27, teed-off against the other eager hopefuls in the annual alumni golf tournament, June 23, and won the highly desired Father Clement Falter Memorial trophy with a score of 70.

Runner-up in the highlight event of alumni days was Abel F. Bastin, '20-'24, 6 Timberlake St., Clarksburg, W. Va., with an interesting 72.

L. Cross	55	50	105	31	74
J. Kenkel	48	44	92	11	81
N. Higgins	68	55	123	36	87
G. Krapf	70	69	139	55	84
N. Heckman	43	43	86	9	77
J. LaMere	60	58	118	26	92
J. Kallal	57	44	101	22	79
J. Harrigan	53	43	96	16	80
B. Dreiling	51	48	99	24	75
C. Staab	49	46	95	22	73
F. Kienly	57	55	112	23	89
B. Lear	48	52	100	14	86
A. Serewicz	52	59	111	31	80
F. Cleary	49	50	99	17	82
C. Quirk	51	52	103	29	74
F. Fehrenb'er	45	47	92	12	80
A. Bastin	81	68	149	77	72
R. Meier	54	51	105	31	74
H. Lucks	55	45	100	26	74
E. Purcell	47	42	89	19	70
H. Gee	62	62	124	41	83
M. Drieling	39	36	75	2	73

Bears Are Back

The Chicago Bears, National Football League champions, will make their appearance on the campus, August 1, for the fourth consecutive year, in preparation for the coming season.

In a news release to the Chicago metropolitan newspapers, owner-coach George Halas stated that the superior physical condition of his champions last year was directly attributable to the excellent facilities of St. Joseph's College. He stressed the advantages of the fine playing field and the field house for indoor drills.

The All-Star aggregation with the army twins, Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard, will attempt to hand the Bears their first defeat in the series.

Past President At Notre Dame

The Rev. Aloys Dirksen, c.p.p.s., S. T. D., '14-'20, has accepted a position on the teaching staff at Notre Dame in the department of religion. He holds the rank of associate professor.

After his six years in the office of president of St. Joseph's, Father Dirksen became pastor of Precious Blood parish in Fort Wayne three years ago. The Rev. Sebastian Kremer, c.p.p.s., '96-'02, came from Our Lady of Good Counsel parish, Cleveland, to succeed him in Ft. Wayne. Father Kremer recently celebrated his ruby jubilee in the priesthood.

Father Dirksen's address is 141 Sorin Hall, Notre Dame, Ind.

Taking time out for a vacation, the Rev. William J. Koehl, '31-'32, stopped in for a visit while on his way to Chicago.

Albert Cavanagh, '10-'13, Visits Campus After 25 Years

The names of Dr. (Dutch) Barth, George Sindelar, John Guedelhoff, Father J. B. Kenkel, and others of the class of '13 bounced off the tongue of Albert Cavanagh, '10-'13, July 1, as though it were only yesterday that he had met them. He hadn't as a matter of fact, been back to the campus for over twenty-five years.

Under "The Sign of a Good Deal," Bert operates, at 1315 North Central Ave., Pheonix, Arizona, the state's largest real estate organization, with property management, loans, and insurance as specialties. Mrs. Cavanagh (she's another good deal) accompanied him on his tour of inspection of St. Joe's greater campus, as did two of his sons and his younger daughter.

Edward, the older of the two boys, hopes that there will be a spot left for him this September. He was just graduated from St. Mary's High School in Pheonix. There are three other children—all married—two more boys and a girl.

The Cavanagh's were vacationing. They were in Chicago, their former home, over the eventful June 21-23 week end. Had Bert known about this he would have been down with Sindy and Dutch and J. B. Now that we have his address again he will know in the future. And anyone who is westward bound for vacation or business is invited to stop beneath the

North Central Avenue marquee in Pheonix which carries the name, Bert Cavanagh, Realty, under "The Sign of a Good Deal."

New Appointment Embellishes Office

Newest appointment in the alumni office is the attractive Father Clement Falter Memorial golf trophy. This trophy, donated by the Cook county chapter of the alumni association, will be permanently enthroned here as a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Clement Falter, c.p.p.s., former faculty member and the first chaplain killed in action in World War II.

Permanent retention of this trophy in the alumni office is made possible by the fact that the Cook County chapter will annually provide a miniture replica of the large trophy for each year's tournament winner.

Winner of the award this year was Edward C. Purcell, '16-'17, 15435 Gilchrist, Detroit, 27, Mich.



PLANNING A GREATER ASSOCIATION are the newly elected officers of St. Joseph's Alumni Association elected at the business meeting held, June 22. Seated left to right, are: Charles Fromer, '18-'23, Attica, Ind., 1st vice-president; Henry Contant, '10-'13, Richmond, Ind., president; the Rev. Sylvester Hartman, c.p.p.s., '96-'02, Collegeville, chaplain; and Fred Thieme, '13-'15, Lafayette, nominating committee. Standing are: Harvey Schmal, '05-'08, Crown Point, Ind., nominating committee; William J. Curosh, '34-'40, Whiting, Ind., board of directors; Thomas G. Medland, '23-'25, Logansport, Ind., 2nd vice-president; and William S. Kozielski, '37-'41, Chicago, board of directors. Not pictured, Robert V. Kaple, '34-'38, Findlay, Ohio; Nominating committee. Immediately after the meeting the officers were officially installed in a ceremonial with blessing held in the college chapel.

The Secretary Reports. . . .

As promised in your last issue of **CONTACT**, the following is the report of the alumni secretary made to the membership in the business meeting, Alumni Day, June 22. Since the report was designed for all the alumni with its story of past accomplishments, of plans and dreams for the future, it is of paramount importance that the report reach all the alumni through the medium of **CONTACT**.

Thanks to Alumni

Paul Monastyrski, the national secretary, began his oral report with sincere thanks to all the alumni in attendance. He pointed out that all the hard work of the previous month's preparation for a novel and enjoyable alumni-days' program was now highly rewarded by the number of alumni who came, and by the evident degree of enjoyment displayed by the arrivals.

He then thanked the class of 1936 for their gift to the college; the Cook County chapter for the new Father Clement Falter Memorial Golf trophy. These gifts, and the spirit behind them, would do much to nurture a greater relationship between St. Joe and her alumni, he explained.

Next, he stressed that the college is small—the alumni association is small, and that it is wise to admit that we are small, realize our strength, and begin from there. He emphasized that he was not here to start any ambitious money campaign and that all his efforts would be directed toward promoting good will for the college and for the alumni.

Good Will Most Important

At this point he stated that, more important, by far, than any huge financial gifts to the college is the good will of the alumni that would prompt to win new friends for the college keeping keeping a flow of students entering their Alma Mater. If we realize a full enrollment at the college, then a very important job will have been done by the alumni.

Pride in Outfit

This type of good will would be effected by pride in St. Joe



THE REV. LIONEL E. PIRE, c.p.p.s., '13-'16, celebrated his sacerdotal silver jubilee, July 1, the Feast of the Precious Blood, offering a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving in the college chapel. He was later honored at a banquet attended by relatives, friends, classmates, and fellow-priests of the Precious Blood Society. Father Pire's two brothers, from Green Bay, Wisc., attended the celebration. Three of the jubilarian's classmates were on hand—the Revs. John Martin, c.p.p.s., '10-'16; John Cherry, c.p.p.s., '10-'16; and Mathias Schmit, c.p.p.s., '11-'16. Other Precious Blood Fathers present for the occasion were the Revs. Christian Daniel, '91-'96; George Pax, '04-'11; Aloys Feldhaus, '11-'17; Edward Siegman, '25-'28; John Kraus, '25-'30; Joseph Green, '25-'27; and Paul Buehler, '35-'39. Pictured above are: the Rev. Gabriel J. Brenkus, c.p.p.s., '25-'26, missionary, who delivered the jubilee Mass sermon, paying tribute to Fr. Pire's 22 years as a missionary; the jubilarian, Rev. Pire, and the Very Rev. Henry A. Lucks, c.p.p.s., Ph. D., '15-'21, college president.

which he likened to the army's psychological indoctrination of "pride in outfit." "Be proud that you attended St. Joe," he continued, "and be very happy to recommend it to prospective students and their parents."

He then explained that there are many ideals that engender feelings of "pride in outfit," regarding St. Joe. Such an ideal was the assistance given another to benefit from a Catholic education and the subsequent sharing in all the good performed by the graduate after leaving St. Joe.

Alumni Chapters

Touching on his many duties and some of the things done so far this year, he reported that for the first time in the association's history, a graduating class was formally accepted into its ranks at a meeting held last May.

He asked the alumni to write letters periodically sending in material that could be used in **CONTACT**. **CONTACT** depends so much on the alumni who could increase its interest value. He reported, too, that alumni chapters would have to be organized by personal contact and visits. A valuable lesson learned, he stated, is that someone from the college would have to attend the meetings of all chapters, adding interest with films and guest speakers.

Pull Together

In conclusion, he explained that much could be done by all the alumni, together, to make ours a greater association, and our Alma Mater a greater St. Joe. He further asked that the alumni, upon returning home, tell all their alumni friends about this year's alumni days. "Talk it up for a bigger reunion next year, and tell them what they missed." formed his concluding thought.

In Phillips' Band

A special student of music at St. Joe in 1946, Robert L. Fischer has recently become a member of

Teddy Phillips' band, currently playing at the Chicago Aragon ballroom. His home is at 1318 Second St., La Porte, Ind.



THE CLASS OF '47 were officially accepted into the alumni association of St. Joseph's College at an informal meeting held in the cafeteria last May 22. Signing for the class is class president, Thomas P. Scollard. As class treasurer, George A. Ellspermann, waits to add his signature. Standing by in approval is Paul Monastyrski, alumni secretary. During the meeting, the alumni secretary pointed out the aims and plans of the association and the good that could accrue to the membership and the college through an active participation by the new members.

coffee counter column

by A. DRINKER, '36

As I sit here rolling that sepi-
savory across my tongue I can't
help thinking of vacation days—
vacation days that are spent, that
is.

You might say that I have a
burning memory of them. Every
nostalgic sting of my sun-kissed
shoulder blades, reminds me of
my stay at good ole Lake Ruta-
baga, sometimes known to our
richer citizens as Shafer Lake.

Like a small town boy I was
having fun paddling a square
prowed duck boat with a long-
handled shovel; casting for the
vanishing water-life known as
fish by my more fortunate
brethren; and venturing into
the dark, forbidding coves of
the same lake with a small
egg-beater, one cylinder type
of water splasher, when I was
confronted by two big-time-
operators, sometimes labeled
"city-slickers," by my sadder,
but wiser comrades.

They completely won me over
to their philosophy on vacation
enjoyment when they identified
themselves as alumni of St. Joe.
I'm a sucker for a St. Joe label.

It seems that these two
BTO's, one, Richard M. Schei-
ber, '37-'41, and one, James R.
(R for Rudolph) Bogan, '40-
'43, were a little solicitous
about my capacity for full en-
joyment of my vacation. Their
reasoning ran something like
this: How can a man enjoy a
vacation if he doesn't know
how to play poker? At that
time I thought that was a
pretty fair question.

In practically no time, they had
me boning up on the following
jingling jargon: "pot right," "I'll
raise you five," "a straight," "a
royal flush," and "what a stink-
ing hand!" For a little variation
we threw in, "Somebody, Ah, say,
somebody is lousin' my Loo!"

As I look back, I smilingly re-
call that I had no losses. Their
losses? They grew sadder and sad-
der with the loss of each dollar
as they neared the final fifth;
money, that is. And the only royal
flush I got was from the sunny
flying saucer.

This month we focus our
searching spotlight on another
good coffee drinker among the
alumni. We happily tip our
silver goblet to Henry F. Con-
tant, '10-'13, the new president
of the alumni association.
Henry Contant, the coffee man
of the month!

Baseball Movies Spark Program

A touch of major league base-
ball was added to the alumni re-
union festivities on the first night
of the gathering.

Early arrivals among the alum-
ni quickly caught the enchantment
of the great national sport as they
viewed the official films of Amer-
ica's major leagues.

The movie program held in the
college auditorium at 8:30 p.m.,
Saturday, June 21, began with col-
or scenes of the campus.

These scenes proved popular
with the alumni audience since
they included candid shots of fac-
ulty members, some of whom have
been associated with St. Joe for
a long time.

The baseball pictures, in sound,
produced and directed by Lew Fon-
seca, included "Circling the bases,"
"Batting Stars of Today," and
"The World Series of 1946."

Ed McElroy, '40-'43, who pro-
cured the baseball films from Lew
Fonseca, concluded the program
by answering all sports questions
posed by the audience. The alumni
then convened in alumni lounge
for an informal party.

Joe Doesn't Like Being All Alone

The day after Joe Kennedy, '36-
'40, returned to Beach Grove fol-
lowing the alumni reunion, his
young son observed his five-month
birthday.

"He'll be in high school before
some of the gang from '36 to '40
ever come back to the campus,"
Joe lamented.

The culprits who will turn out
en masse next year (we hope)
can start corresponding with Joe
Kennedy now at 426 No. 17th St.,
Beech Grove, Ind.

'Heir' Mail Service Surprises W. F. Gay

A new type of mail service, was
inaugurated lately when the Alum-
ni Office received a bit of "heir"
mail from Detroit.

An attractive little card an-
nounced, "It's a boy! Just arrived
by "heir."

The happy little heir is the son
of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Gay.
Francis Thomas Gay the newcomer,
was happy to learn that "Pop" Gay,
'39-'42, is a St. Joe man.

Orchids to the Mr. and Mrs. at
10640 Gratiot Ave., Detroit 13,
Mich.

Rev. Leo H. Boeke

The Rev. Leo H. Boeke, '25-'26,
has been assistant pastor of Holy
Rosary parish, St. Mary's, Ohio,
since his discharge from the army
almost a year ago. He held the
rank of major at the time of his
discharge.

Alumni Take Active Role In Unique Year-Long Jubilee

One of the largest parishes in the Fort Wayne diocese, St. John the
Baptist Catholic Church of Whiting, Ind., is observing its Golden
Jubilee.

Under the guidance and promotion of its young pastor, the Rev.
John M. Lefko, c.p.p.s., '27-'32, the parish is marking the celebration
with a year-long series of ecclesiastical and social festivities under
the banner: "Fifty Years of Grace."

The observation began with ju-
bilee missions stressing the spiri-
tual aspect of the parish birthday
and initiating the celebration with
thanksgiving to God.

Honoring the living, founding
members of the parish, the first
social function was an "Old
Timers" informal party. Next
came the night for the young
people of the parish for which the
famous dance band of Griff Wil-
liams was engaged.

The climax of the unique jubilee
was introduced on the Sunday fol-
lowing the Feast of St. John the
Baptist, the parish patron.

Bishop Noll Officiates

On that Sunday, June 29, Bishop
Noll of Ft. Wayne pontificated at
a Solemn High Mass and was as-
sisted by alumni, priest-sons of
the parish including the Rev. Gab-
riel J. Brenkus, c.p.p.s., '25-'26; the
Rev. Joseph A. Smolar, c.p.p.s., '32-
'36; the Rev. Edward C. Homco,
c.p.p.s., '34-'38; and the Rev. Jos-
eph Hajdich, c.p.p.s., '38-'41. The
sermon was delivered by the for-
mer pastor, the Rev. John Kostik,
c.p.p.s., '09-'15.

Another highlight on the ecclesi-
astical calendar was the Feast of
the Precious Blood, July 1, when
bishop-elect Marling officiated at
a Solemn High Mass.

Bishop Bennett Pontificates

On the Fourth of July, the tra-
ditional civic celebrations were
opened in Whiting Park with a
Pontifical Solemn High Field Mass
sung by Bishop John G. Bennett,
'06-'09, of Lafayette. The Rev.

Joseph E. Wheatley Nears Alma Mater

Another alumnus came home-
ward when Joseph E. Wheatley,
'31-'33, took up residence in the
fair city of Rensselaer.

As District Manager of the Shell
American Petroleum Co. with his
headquarters in Rensselaer, he has
been contributing to the home-
heating comfort and driving
pleasure of thousands of Jasper
county residents.

The home address of the new
Rensselaerian is 464 North Cullen,
St., Rensselaer, Ind.

Ed Ancel New Dad

Edward Ancel, '38-'41, was
sweating it out June 2 when the
nurse came out to say: "It's a
girl." Vera Mae lacked one ounce
of being a seven pounder, and Ed
and wife Olga are very happy.



Rev. John M. Lefko, c.p.p.s.

Fred Westendorf, '24-'27, former
overseas chaplain, delivered the
sermon at this Mass in memory of
the sons of the parish who gave
their lives in World War II.

Fr. Hartman Early Assistant

Founded in 1897, just six
years after the opening of St.
Joseph's College, the young
parish called on the college
faculty for spiritual assist-
ance. In those early years,
the Rev. Sylvester Hartman,
c.p.p.s., '96-'02, college logician
and professor of philosophy,
served the parish faithfully on
week-ends and special assign-
ments.

The growing parish came under
the administration of the Precious
Blood Fathers when the Rev. John
Kostik, c.p.p.s., '09-'15, became pas-
tor. In 1945, after 20 years of
service in which time he had built
the present huge church and saw
the period of greatest growth, the
Rev. Kostik was appointed to the
rectorship of St. Charles Semi-
nary, Carthagen, Ohio. He was
succeeded by the present pastor,
the Rev. John M. Lefko.

Fr. Kaiser Writes History

A comprehensive history
from the founding of the par-
ish to this present jubilee year
was compiled and written by
the Rev. Edwin G. Kaiser,
c.p.p.s., S.T.D., '09-'15, chair-
man of the college depart-
ment of philosophy.

Assisting at the parish are: the
Rev. Edward A. Moorman, c.p.p.s.,
'29-'33; the Rev. Louis A. Telegdy,
c.p.p.s., '33-'36; and the Rev. Ed-
ward C. Homco, c.p.p.s., '34-'38.



More Timezapoppin' Scenes



THE BACKBONE OF TIMEZAPOPPIN' were the four characters above who started the show with a bang! Master of ceremonies, Robert W. Hunt, '47, was nettled to exhaustion by the three Smith Brothers who claimed their right to alumni membership was based on the fact that their name used to be the Schmidt Brothers. The three bearded wonders were played by James P. McKay, '47; Richard A. Grever, '47; and Robert L. Conway, '47.



THERE ARE CHARACTERS and still more characters. The sleep-walker, acting the part of Henry Gzybowski, is William R. Greven-camp, '48; the de-icer cigarette girl was played by John P. Ruffing, '48; and the all-hands character was Prof. Giuseppe U. F. P. Umbriago well done by Anthony N. Teolis, '42.

Campus Visitor ...

Two years may be a long time between visits but they seemed to have increased the fondness of the Rev. Arnold J. Meiring, c.p.p.s., '30-'34, for his Alma Mater.

His vacation over, Fr. Arnold was on his way back to St. Joseph's Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., where he is an assistant.

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Observing a personal tradition of many years standing, the Rev. Ildephonse Rapp, c.p.p.s., '93-'00, climbed the 180-foot college water tower on his 70th birthday recently. Just a week before his high climb, Father Rapp, who began teaching public speaking at St. Joe in 1904, pierced the skies at 6,700 ft. in an Aeronca plane piloted by the Rev. Stan Tuszynski, c.p.p.s., '37-'39, dean of the academy students. "The grandest sight of my life," was the observation made by Fr. Rapp as he peered down through the clouds.

Fred Steininger, '30-'36, Public Welfare Director, Marvels At New St. Joe

A recent visitor in the Alumni Office, Fred Steininger, '30-'36, spoke of the many improvements at the "new" St. Joe in glowing terms.

The most welcomed improvement in the observation of Fred is the new library.

Fred is Assistant Director of the Lake County Dept. of Public Welfare, with headquarters in Gary, Ind.

After leaving St. Joe, Fred undertook graduate work at the University of Chicago, receiving his M.A. degree in Social Service Administration.

Making business trips to Indianapolis frequently through the year, Fred promises to stop in more often.

Friends and classmates can contact Fred at 617 Tyler, Gary, Ind.

Joseph F. Sanislo State Personnel Man

Down Toledo way, Joseph F. Sanislo, '26-'31, is a personnel interviewer for the Ohio State Employment Service.

Joe spent 64 months in the service and was engaged in similar personnel work for the Army. A member of a traveling Aviation Cadet Board, Joe covered the states of Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky enlisting men for cadet training.

After leaving St. Joe, he subsequently received a Bachelor of Arts degree at DeSales College.

Friends and classmates can reach Joe at 2624 Massillon St., Toledo 5, Ohio.

George L. Carroll Sells Automobiles

George L. Carroll, '42, of 201 S. Court St. Crown Point, Ind., visited the campus recently to check on the physical expansion on the campus.

George, who was discharged from the army a 1st Lt. after 40 months of service, is an automobile dealer in the home town.

In answer to our question, George smilingly stated that we would be on the bottom of a very long list and that cars were still coming in very slowly.

Correction ...

In the last issue of CONTACT we reported Joseph Weigel, '25-'29, killed in an automobile accident. Our informers were incorrect. The person killed was a cousin to Joseph Weigel. We're happy to report that Joseph Weigel is alive and extend our sympathy on the loss of his relative.